

Rule 1005. Copies of Public Records to Prove Content.

The proponent may use a copy to prove the content of an official record—or of a document that was recorded or filed in a public office as authorized by law—if these conditions are met: the record or document is otherwise admissible; and the copy is certified as correct in accordance with Rule 902(4) or is testified to be correct by a witness who has compared it with the original. If no such copy can be obtained by reasonable diligence, then the proponent may use other evidence to prove the content.

Comment to 2012 Amendment

The language of Rule 1005 has been amended to conform to the federal restyling of the Evidence Rules to make them more easily understood and to make style and terminology consistent throughout the rules. These changes are intended to be stylistic only. There is no intent to change any result in any ruling on evidence admissibility.

Cases

1005.010 If an original minute entry is admissible, a certified copy would be admissible.

State v. Stone, 122 Ariz. 304, 594 P.2d 558 (Ct. App. 1979) (to prove prior conviction, state introduced certified copy of minute entry showing pronouncement of judgment and sentence).

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